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SENATE BILL 220

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRING THE COVERAGE OF AN ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN III SCREENING TEST DURING A WOMAN'S PREGNANCY; ENACTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 59A, ARTICLE 22 AND CHAPTER 59A, ARTICLE 23 NMSA 1978, THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LAW AND THE NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE PLAN LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"NEW MATERIAL COVERAGE OF ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN III SCREENING TEST.--An individual or group health insurance policy, health care plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in the state shall provide coverage for an alpha-fetoprotein III screening test for pregnant women, generally between sixteen and twenty

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1 weeks of pregnancy, to screen for certain genetic abnormalities
2 in the fetus. "

3 Section 2. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
4 1978 is enacted to read:

5 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN III
6 SCREENING TEST. --A blanket or group health policy, health care
7 plan or certificate of health insurance that is delivered,
8 issued for delivery or renewed in the state shall provide
9 coverage for an alpha-fetoprotein III screening test for
10 pregnant women, generally between sixteen and twenty weeks of
11 pregnancy, to screen for certain genetic abnormalities in the
12 fetus. "

13 Section 3. A new section of the Health Maintenance
14 Organization Law is enacted to read:

15 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN III
16 SCREENING TEST. --An individual or group health maintenance
17 organization policy, health care plan or certificate of health
18 insurance that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in
19 the state shall provide coverage for an alpha-fetoprotein III
20 screening test for pregnant women, generally between sixteen
21 and twenty weeks of pregnancy, to screen for certain genetic
22 abnormalities in the fetus. "

23 Section 4. A new section of the Nonprofit Health Care
24 Plan Law is enacted to read:

25 "[NEW MATERIAL] COVERAGE OF ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN III

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